

## **DEPARTMENT OF VETERAN'S SERVICES**

The Norwell Selectmen re-appointed Richard Caldwell as Part Time, Temporary Veterans' Service Officer for 2003/2004. As a result of State provided training October 2002 Mr. Caldwell was certified for a three year period. He again attended State Veterans' Service Officer training early in December, 2003 and his association training early in February of 2004.

The Office of Veterans' Services survived the budget cutbacks of last year and is operating with no reduced hours or services. Mr. Caldwell's office hours are Tuesday and Wednesday afternoon and he is available at other times if needed.

As the vast majority of Massachusetts seniors are either veterans or survivors of veterans and many remain unaware of their possible eligibility for either state or federal benefits, many have found time to drop in to the Veteran's Office or call in and receive updated information.

As a result of on-going conflicts around the world there is also a group of young veterans returning to our communities. I am sure that they are given excellent information during mustering out procedures, but they too might want to come by to determine if any new benefits have surfaced.

Respectfully Submitted:

Richard Caldwell, VSO